

Notice of Allowability

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the amendment filed on August 26, 2005.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 2-5, 7 and 12-25.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date 11/22/2004
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date 11/7/2004.
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.

1. The amendment and response filed on August 26, 2005 has been entered.

Accordingly:

- The specification has been amended;
- Claims 1, 6, 8, 10 and 11 have been canceled;
- Claims 2, 4, 7 and 9 have been amended; and
- New claims 18-25 have been added.

2. On October 7 2005, the examiner and the attorney, Mr. Daniel R. McClure, conducted a telephone interview to discuss the amended Claim 9. The examiner indicated that the upgraded search has shown a number of prior arts that meet the limitation " an interval defined between the bottom surface of the reflective shell top plate and the top surface of the bezel side plate". These prior arts include Lee (US Patent No.: 6,917,395 B2) and Jang et al (US Patent No.: 6,891,580 B2). Finally, the examiner indicated that cancellation of Claim 9 would put the application in allowable condition.

On October 8, 2005, Mr. McClure responded to the above-indicated finding resulting from the upgraded text search. Mr. McClure authorized an examiner's amendment requiring requiring cancellation of Claim 9.

A copy of the interview summary is attached herewith.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

3. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Daniel R. McClure on November 8, 2005.

Cancel claim 9.

Allowable Subject Matter

4. Claims 2-5, 7 and 12-25 are allowed.

The prior art of record, including the prior art admitted by the applicant, Burke (US Patent No.: 5,479,285), and Chu et al. (US Patent Application Pub. No.: US 2004/0080952 A1), fails to show or suggest the applicant's invention as claimed.

Specifically, the prior art of record does not disclose a backlight module combining:

- a bezel side plate with an engagement structure having its cantilever portion and clamping portions each connected to and protruding over the external side surface of the bezel side plate as recited in each of the amended claims 2 and 4; the original claim 12; and newly added claims 18 and 22; and

- the width of the cantilever portion smaller than that of the clamping portion as recited in each of the amended claims 2 and 4; original claim 12; and newly added claims 18 and 22

The above-indication combination of the engagement structural elements with the backlight module makes this invention unique

Neither combined nor individual teaching of the prior art admitted by the applicant, Burke (US Patent No.: 5,479,285), and Chu et al. (US Patent Application Pub. No.: US 2004/0080952 A1) meets the limitations of each of claims 2, 4, 12 and 18.

Therefore, Claims 2, 4, 12 and 18 are allowed over prior art of record.

Claim 3 is necessarily allowed because of their dependency on the allowed Claim 2.

Claim 5 is necessarily allowed because of their dependency on the allowed Claim 4.

Claims 13-17 are necessarily allowed because of their dependency on the allowed Claim 12.

Claims 19-21 are necessarily allowed because of their dependency on the allowed Claim 18.

Claims 23-25 are necessarily allowed because of their dependency on the allowed Claim 22.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably

accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

5. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Lee (U.S. Patent No. 6,917,395 B2), JANG et al. (Patent No. 6,891,580 B2), Ogawa et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,885,411 B2) and Park et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,876,409 B2),

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Hargobind S Sawhney whose telephone number is 571 272 2380. The examiner can normally be reached on 6:15 - 2:45.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Sandra O'Shea can be reached on 571 272 2378. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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